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## PORT OF LOS ANGELES RELEASES DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CHINA SHIPPING CONTAINER TERMINAL PROJECT

Comment and Review Period Ends July 31; Public Meeting on July 18

**SAN PEDRO, Calif. – June 16, 2017 –** The Port of Los Angeles has prepared a <u>Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)</u> as companion to the certified "Berths 97-109 [China Shipping] Container Terminal Project Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR)" for the container terminal located at Berths 97-109 in the West Basin at the Port of Los Angeles, operated by West Basin Container Terminal, an affiliate of China Shipping North America.

In 2008, the Port of Los Angeles and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jointly released an EIS/EIR that evaluated the construction and operation of the China Shipping Container Terminal at Berths 97-109. The 2017 Draft SEIR evaluates the continued operation of the terminal under new and/or modified mitigation measures, along with an incrementally higher cargo throughput level compared to that assumed in the 2008 EIS/EIR. The analysis examines whether potentially new significant environmental impacts or substantially more severe impacts would occur in the areas of air quality, greenhouse gases, and ground transportation.

The 45-day public comment and review period for the Draft SEIR is from June 16 to July 31, 2017. During this time, the Port will accept written comments and hold a public meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 6 p.m., at Port of Los Angeles Administration Building, located at 425 S. Palos Verdes Street in San Pedro, to present its findings and provide opportunity for public comment.

In addition to <u>availability online</u>, a copy of the document is available for public review at the following locations:

- Port of Los Angeles website (portoflosangeles.org)
- Port of Los Angeles Environmental Management Division, 222 W. 6th Street, Suite 900, San Pedro
- L.A. Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 931 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro
- L.A. Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington
- L.A. Public Library, Central Branch, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles

Comments on the Draft SEIR must be submitted in writing by the end of the 45-day public review period and postmarked by July 31, 2017. Comments sent via email should include the project title in the subject line and body of the email in letter format.

Please submit written comments to:

Port of Los Angeles Chris Cannon Director of Environmental Management P.O. Box 151 San Pedro, CA 90733-0151 ceqacomments@portla.org

Questions about this notice or project should be directed to Lisa Ochsner, Project Manager, Port of Los Angeles Environmental Management Division, at (310) 732-3412. For more information, visit portoflosangeles.org.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port and has a strong commitment to developing innovatively strategic and sustainable operations that benefit Southern California's economy and quality of life. North America's leading seaport by container volume and cargo value, the Port of Los Angeles facilitated \$272 billion in trade during 2016. San Pedro Bay port complex operations and commerce facilitate one in nine jobs in the five-county Southern California region.